

## BEGINS EXAMINATION OF BANKRUPT FIRM.

**Inquiry Into the Affairs of Gaylord,  
Blessing & Co. Taken Up by  
Referee Coles.**

The examination of the bankrupts by creditors in the bankruptcy proceedings of Gaylord, Blessing & Co., commenced yesterday morning in the offices of Referee in Bankruptcy Walter D. Coffey. About twenty of the creditors and their representatives were present. The examination was carried on by Colonel Charles W. Holtcamp, trustee of the defunct firm, and George D. Reynolds.

John H. Blessing, one of the partners of

The firm, was the only bankrupt examined yesterday. His examination took up the entire forenoon and afternoon sessions. He was questioned rigidly by Mr. Reynolds on the methods of his firm. On several occasions he became confused, and throughout the examination he would diverge from the questions put so that the referee had frequently to admonish him to confine himself to the issue at hand.

The tendency of Mr. Blessing's testimony was to the effect that he and Mr. Gaylor

Mr. Blessing's attention was called to three accounts, those of W. Brown, W. A. Browne and F. H. Wall. He admitted that the last two names were used by him for carrying on an underground business. He said, however, that he was a mechanic who formerly worked for the Missouri Pacific, and later became insane. He could not state clearly

where Wall is, but admitted having used his name for firm transactions. Frequently during a press of business, he said, transactions were carried out in the name of the firm on the basis of the actual orders of customers. These, and orders which could not be located, were placed on the Wall accounts. This account was given as an asset by the firm.

Mr. Blessing testified that the private transactions of the firm were carried on under stock accounts No. 1, 2, 3 and 5, and grain account No. 5. The testimony brought out the fact that customers of the firm

were frequently charged interest on stocks which they had ordered when in reality the firm did not have the stocks. Several specific transactions were traced through the books of the firm and it was found that buying and selling in each case was simply a matter of bookkeeping, and that the stocks had not really been bought.

**organization of Churches.**

Rochester, N. Y., July 11.—Two thousand delegates from thirty-two of the United States churches were in attendance when the first business session of the national convention of the Universalists opened to-day. The morning session was devotional in character.

C. Neal Barney read the report of the Executive Board, which embodied the following recommendations:

That a union, large, without representation be created.

That the unions be urged to contribute to the permanent mission fund.  
That the by-laws be amended by the adoption of one of the amendments now pending regarding delegates to the annual convention.  
That the Executive Board be authorized to make such statement or settlement as may seem to it just and right with the several States delinquent in the matter of assessment, except that such statement or settlement shall not apply to its assessment levied for the year 1900-L.

**CITY COUNCIL ENJOINED.**  
**Effort Made to Defeat Municipal**  
**Lighting Plant Scheme.**  
**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.**  
Chillicothe, Mo., July 11.—Acting on the petition of F. B. Wheeler, manager of the People's Gas and Electric Company, Judge Alexander has issued a temporary injunction restraining the City Council of Chillicothe from proceeding to purchase

The bonds had been bid in by the Mississippi Valley Trust Company of St. Louis. Whelan alleges that the election was illegal in many ways, charging among other things fraud in intimidation and coercion on part of the advocates of municipal ownership.

The People's company's contract with the city for street lighting expires July 31, and the case will not come up for a final hearing until September.

**THREW DIAMOND BROOCH AWAY**  
**Woman Fed a Valuable Piece of**  
**Jewelry to the Fishes.**

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
 Ithaca, N. Y., July 11.—Mrs. C. D. Burroughs this morning deliberately threw a diamond brooch valued at \$2,000 overboard from a steamer. Mrs. Burroughs, who is

living at the fashionable Cayuga Lake House, this morning started out to have a jeweler repair her brooch. She placed the valuable in a small hand satchel, together with a light luncheon. After casting a last look at the railing of the steamer to insure she got the crumbs, in so doing she forgot the brooch, and with the crumbs it found a watery grave.

**Summer Entertainment.**

"Said Pasha," with Miss Laura Millard, is the first of the Delmonico Garden this week. The offering is made to look exceedingly good.

The costumes of dancing girls. "The Idol's Eye" is to be produced Sunday. Sousa's "El Capitan" is soon to be given.

Many members and patrons of the Maccabee Legion of Honor attended the performance of "Via Diavolo" at Urish's Cafe Wednesday night. The show was being a benefit for the cancer week's bill, "The Chimes of Normandy," now in preparation.

St. Louis Turner societies have Mannon Park this week, and the proceeds derived will be expended in placing swings in the parks for the children. The vaudeville programme includes Tom

Colonel Hopkins will spring a surprise by gagging a local choir of boys, with one of the most phenomenal boy singers in the country to finish one of the acts at the Highlands next week.

"East Lynne" is in revival at Koerner's Grand den this week. Lillian Remba plays Lady Lyndesay, and the supporting cast includes the late John Ravaold Mr. Bill Lawrence Hanley.

"Player" is underlined for next week.

The two Miss Rosebuds, with Al Leach, are at Forrest Park Highlands. Lydia Yeaman, the

Straitjacket vaudville has proven popular with the suburban audiences. Macaroni dog and monkey key circus and LeFerre's saxophone quartet have the leading places on the programme, the former with the children and the latter in recognition of the Haydn of Glendale. Other features are Moreland, Thompson and Amber; Weston and Allen, Stella Mayhew and Ollie Young and Brother.

The Maurice Freeman Stock Company, headed by Mr. Freeman and Nadine Winston, is presenting the ever-popular "East Lynne" at the Aventura Theatre. The Matinee is given on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. "Raphoe" will be the bill next week.

**Southern Mill Secures Contract.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
 Raleigh, N. C., July 11.—For the first time after several years of unsuccessful bidding, a Southern mill has been awarded the contract for furnishing the United States Government with twine. The Bibb

**President Locke of the Bibb company** thinks that he will hold the contract **not** for an indefinite period, because he believes that after a trial the authorities will see the advantage of the use of cotton instead of jute twine

ward W. Jordan of the Twelfth Company United States Coast Artillery, was drowned last night while swimming in the lagoon at Fort Brown. In sinking he grabbed Private Charles Bass and pulled him down. Bass was barely alive when rescued.

The door was shut and, glancing out, entered the arm. The young man had become angry with a young lady of this town.